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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SAUDI INTEREST IN LEBANESE INTERNAL SITUATION

REF: STATE 239611 (NOTAL)

1. IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS I HAVE DISCUSSED THE
LEBANESE TRAGEDY WITH MOST OF THE TOP SAUDI LEADERS
WHO WERE IN THE COUNTRY. I HAVE CONSISTENTLY ASKED
IF THERE WERE NOT RPT NOT SOMETHING SAUDI ARABIA
COULD DO TO BRING ABOUT PEACE; ITS INFLUENCE ON
LEBANON IS, AFTER ALL, CONSIDERABLE. I'VE WONDERED
IF THEY COULD NOT KNOCK A FEW HEADS TOGETHER.

2. THEIR UNVARYING REPLY HAS BEEN THAT THEY UNDER-
STAND THE FIGHTING IN LEBANON IS A TRAGEDY FOR
LEBANON AND FOR THE ARABS IN GENERAL; AND IT
CERTAINLY GIVES ISRAEL SUPERB PROPAGANDA IN BEING
ABLE TO POINT OUT HOW WELL "SECULARISM" WORKS IN
A COUNTRY WHICH IS PURELY ARAB.

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3. THE SAUDIS SAY THAT VARIOUS SAUDI LEADERS HAVE

SPOKEN WITH KARAME "BUT HE IS NOT EVEN ABLE TO CONTROL HIS OWN HOME TOWN OF TRIPOLI"; THEY HAVE SPOKEN WITH FRANGIE, "BUT HE CAN'T EVEN CONTROL ZGHORTA"; AND THEY'VE SPOKEN WITH ARAFAT (WHO THEY BELIEVE IS A MODERATING INFLUENCE), "BUT HE CAN'T CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN RADICALS." AS FOR THREATENING TO CUT INVESTMENT OR TOURISM, THEY SAY LITTLE IS GOING TO LEBANON NOW AND THOSE WHO ARE MOST INTERESTED IN CONTINUATION OF THE FIGHTING WOULD NOT BE IMPRESSED BY THE AGRUMENT THAT THE COUNTRY IS BEING HURT; THEY KNOW THIS ALREADY AND, IN FACT, MAY FAVOR FURTHER DETERIORATION.

4. THE SAUDIS I HAVE SPOKEN WITH SAY THEY WOULD DO ANYTHING WE SUGGEST THAT COULD HELP BRING PEACE TO LEBANON.

5. I EXPECT TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD SOON AND WILL RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIM.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY GUIDANCE EMBASSY BEIRUT OR THE DEPARTMENT COULD GIVE, PARTICULARLY ANYTHING THEY THINK THE SAUDIS COULD DO.
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